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1. In late September 1949 all the residents of Hwado Island (127-34, 39-44) were evacuated from their homes and the island, and ordinary traffic on the island and in the adjacent waters was prohibited. The island harbor is used as anchorage for Soviet naval vessels and a gun base is under construction in a neighboring area. The seas around the island are used as torpedo target areas for Soviet submarines, which are based on the island.

2. On 25 October 1949, one Soviet cruiser, one Soviet destroyer, and one Soviet troop transport arrived in Chongjin (129-49, 41-46). Approximately three thousand troops were disembarked at Chongjin and an additional 1,700 at Najin (130-15, 42-10). [redacted] the troops were to patrol and guard the areas of Chongjin, Najin, and Wonsan (127-26, 39-10).* Some of the troops, however, were present only for manoeuvres and did not expect to remain.

3. Approximately 40 small PT-type boats are docked near the fishery wharves at Chongjin.** About half are berthed in special newly-constructed docks; the remainder are pulled up aground. An additional 20 speed boats are kept near the Soviet naval base and are screened from observation. [redacted] these craft could run from Chongjin to Vladivostok in two or three hours.

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[redacted] Comment: Soviet troops have been reported in all these localities [redacted] Since Najin is a naval base, the number of troops assigned to it appears rather large.

[redacted] Comment: The numbers of vessels [redacted] are probably not accurate, but the presence of such vessels in Chongjin has been attested by [redacted] pictures of the harbor. [redacted] described Soviet installations at Chongjin.

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